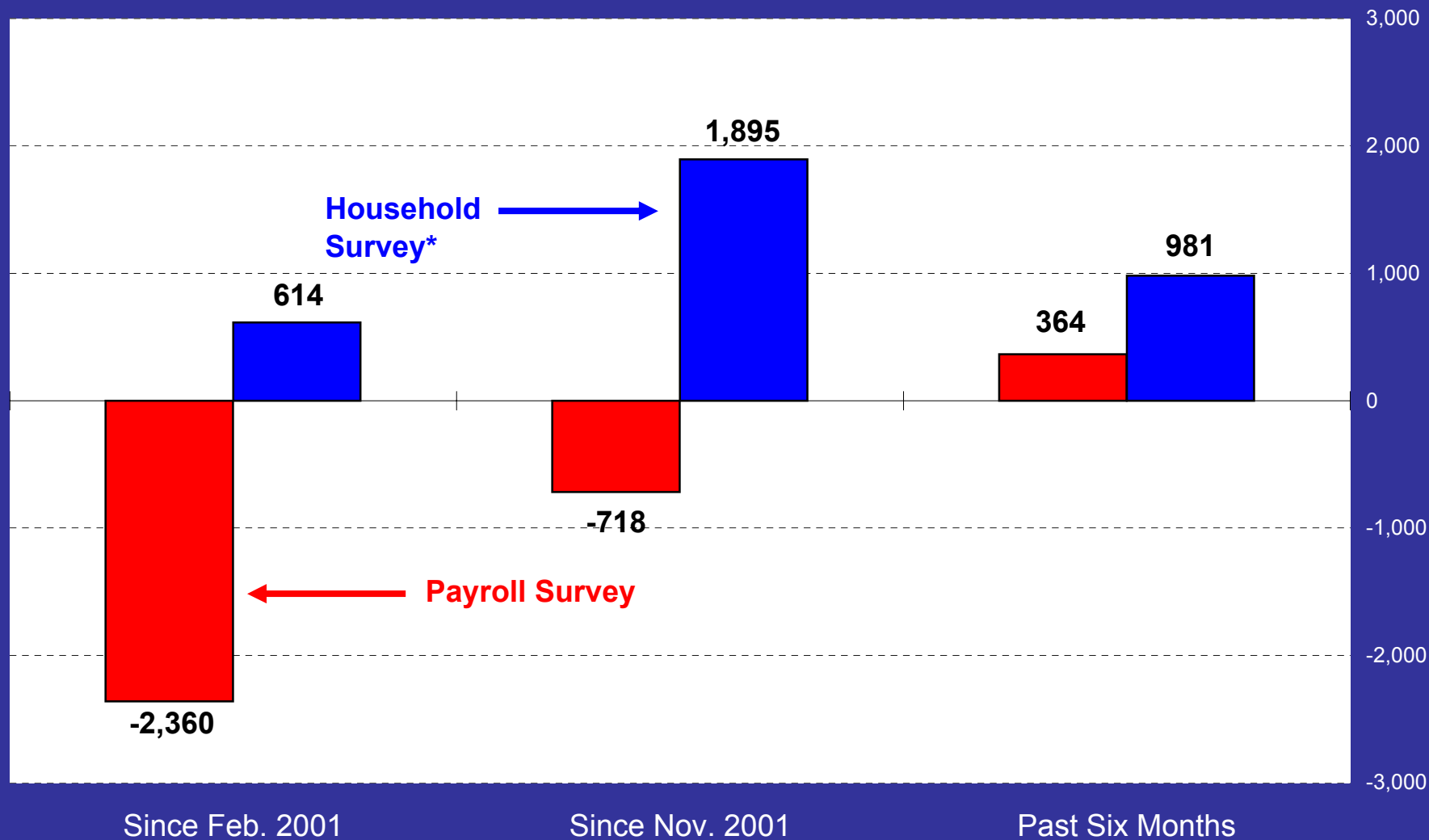


Has Employment Increased or Decreased?

(Net jobs gained/lost, in thousands, SA)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

*Adjusted by BLS to account for population control revisions.

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